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1. About the Forum

New generations of technologies, such as generative artificial intelligence, are profoundly reshaping the entire chain of knowledge production, organization, and service. As critical social knowledge infrastructure, libraries are not only facing unprecedented challenges but also embracing strategic opportunities to restructure their value propositions.

Since 2020, "Forum of Chinese Library Directors" has been held annually to discuss relevant topics on AI and library transformation, with a focus on Chinese libraries. To broaden our perspectives, gain more global insights and facilitate exchanges between researchers and practitioners, the "World Library Forum × the 8th Information & Technology in Education (ITE)" and the "19th National Doctoral Symposium on Library Science" will be held at Peking University from May 15 to May 17, 2026. Under the theme of "Libraries in the AI Era: Local Practice and Global Vision", this forum endeavors to establish a high-end platform featuring an international outlook, inclusive dialogue, and forward-looking leadership. It assembles global library leaders, scholars, and young students to offer theoretical and practical support for the responsible application of AI to libraries, highlighting the unique mission of libraries to uphold humanistic values and safeguard knowledge justice amid the surge of technological development.

The forum is jointly hosted by the Department of Information Management at Peking University and the Evergreen Education Foundation, sponsored by the "Postgraduate Education Innovation Program" of Peking University and the Evergreen Education Foundation. Academic media support is provided by a distinguished group of leading journals in this field, namely *Journal of Library Science in China*, *Library and Information Service*, *Documentation*, *Information & Knowledge*, *Library & Information*, *Library Tribune*, *Library Development*, *Library Journal*, *Research on Library Science*, *Library Work and Study*, *Journal of the National Library of China*, *Knowledge Management Forum*, *Chinese Journal of Scientific and Technical Periodicals*, *Think Tank: Theory & Practice*, *Journal of Library and Data*, and *China Library Weekly*. In addition to academic exchanges, the forum will offer a series of keynote speeches around the main theme by inviting renowned scholars and librarians from home and abroad.

2. Agenda

2.1. Registration

Attendees are recommended to register between 14:00 and 18:00 on May 15 at the lobbies of Shaoyuan, Peking University to collect conference badges and materials. Alternatively, registration will also be available from 8:00 to 8:30 on May 16 outside the Lecture Hall in the North Annex of the Peking University Library.

2.2. Main Event Schedule

Time	Events	Location
Saturday, May 16 (Beijing Time)		
8:00-8:30	Registration	Lecture Hall, North Annex of the Peking University Library
8:30-9:15 Moderator: Pianran Wang Assistant Professor, Department of Information Management, Peking University	Welcome Remarks	
	Zizhou Wang Professor, Department of Information Management, Peking University	
	Leslie Weir President, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA); Librarian and Archivist of Canada	
	Chuanfu Chen Senior Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences, Wuhan University	
	Ruijuan Huo Deputy Director, National Library of China	
	Winnie Wong President, Evergreen Education Foundation	
	Retrospective: Forum of Chinese Library Directors	
	Shijuan Li Associate Professor (with tenure), Director of Library Science Teaching and Research Section, Department of Information Management, Peking University	
	Appointment Ceremony for the Rotating Chair of the World Library Forum	

	<p>Xiaojian Ni First Rotating Chair, Forum of Chinese Library Directors; Former Director, Capital Library of China</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Appointment Ceremony for the Expert Committee of the Forum</p> <p>Jiuzhen Zhang Dean and Professor, Department of Information Management, Peking University</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">9:15-9:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Seated Group Photo</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">9:30-9:55</p> <p>Host: Yanhang Wang Secretary-General, Library Society of China</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Speech</p> <p>Impact of AI on global librarianship and global trends</p> <p>Leslie Weir President, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA); Librarian and Archivist of Canada</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">9:55-10:20</p> <p>Host: Ping Ke Professor, School of Information and Communication, Nankai University</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Speech</p> <p>Reimagining Public Library Services in the Age of AI: The Practice of Beijing</p> <p>Yajun Mao Director, Capital Library of China</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lecture Hall, North Annex of the Peking University Library</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10:20-10:45</p> <p>Host: Jiyuan Ye Distinguished Professor, School of Information Management, Nanjing University</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Speech</p> <p>The academic English gap in the AI era: Is it flattening barriers or deepening differentiation?</p> <p>Yi Bu, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Management, Peking University</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">10:45-11:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Break</p>	

<p>11:00-12:00</p> <p>Host: Pengyi Zhang Vice Dean and Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Information Management, Peking University</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Theme: Libraries in the AI Era: Local Practices and Global Perspectives</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <p>Leslie Weir President, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA); Librarian and Archivist of Canada</p> <p>Michael Peter Edson Director, Strategist in Cultural Institutions</p> <p>Chao Chen Director, Shanghai Library; Director, Shanghai Institute of Scientific and Technological Information,</p> <p>Hui Liu Director and Professor, Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences</p> <p>Ruhua Huang Professor, School of Information Management, Wuhan University; Deputy Director, Wuhan University Library</p>	
<p>12:00-13:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch & Lunch Break</p>	
<p>13:30-13:55</p> <p>Host: Chang Liu Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Information Management, Peking University</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Theme Speech</p> <p>Library strategies in the Age of AI</p> <p>Speaker: Rolf Hapel Independent library advisor and affiliate instructor at iSchool, University of Washington, Seattle</p> <p>Discussant: Huanwen Cheng Professor, School of Information Management, Sun Yat-Sen University</p>	<p>Lecture Hall, North Annex of the Peking University Library</p>
<p>13:55-14:20</p> <p>Host: Jing Zhang Professor, School of Information Management,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Theme Speech</p> <p>Libraries, AI, and the Age of Consequences</p> <p>Speaker: Michael Peter Edson Director, Strategist in Cultural Institutions</p> <p>Discussant: Jun Chen Director, Nanjing Library</p>	<p>Lecture Hall, North Annex of the Peking University Library</p>

Sun Yat-Sen University; Director, Sun Yat-Sen University Library		
14:20-14:45 Host: Junling Zhao Professor, School of Management, Hebei University	<p style="text-align: center;">Theme Speech</p> <p>Chinese Solutions to the Smart Library Development from a Global Perspective</p> <p>Speaker: Dan Wu, Vice President and Professor, Huazhong Normal University</p> <p>Discussant: Bing Liu, Dean and Professor, School of Management, Tianjin Normal University</p>	
14:45-15:10 Host: Yunhui Lu Former Director, Guizhou Minzu University Library	<p style="text-align: center;">Theme Speech</p> <p>AI: The Pandora’s Box of Library Transformation</p> <p>Speaker: Hui Yan, Wu Yuzhang Distinguished Professor at Renmin University of China</p> <p>Discussant: Shuiqing Huang, Professor, School of Information Management, Nanjing Agricultural University</p>	
15:10-15:30	Break & Transfer to the Department of Information Management	
15:30-17:30	19 th National Doctoral Symposium on Library Science (See “Section 2.3” for details)	Department of Information Management
Sunday, May 17 (Beijing Time)		
8:30-10:30	19 th National Doctoral Symposium on Library Science (See “Section 2.3” for details)	Department of Information Management
10:40-11:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Theme Speech (Recording)</p> <p>Leading Without Restraint: Living our values through real action in the communities we serve</p> <p>David Lankes, Professor, School of Information,</p>	Room 414 Department of Information Management

	University of Texas at Austin		
	<p align="center">Theme Speech (Recording)</p> <p>Safeguarding truth in the age of AI: a role for libraries</p> <p>Keith Webster, Dean, University Libraries, Carnegie Mellon University</p>		Room B101 Department of Information Management
	<p align="center">Theme Speech (Recording)</p> <p>Becoming a Reading City</p> <p>Brian Bannon, Chief Librarian, New York Public Library</p>		Room 507 Department of Information Management
<p align="center">11:00-11:45</p> <p>Host: Xingkun Liang Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Information Management, Peking University</p>	<p align="center">Panel Discussion</p> <p align="center">Rethinking LIS Education for the AI Era</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <p>Rolf Hapel Independent library advisor and affiliate instructor at iSchool, University of Washington, Seattle</p> <p>Jingli Chu Professor, National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Dean, Department of Information Resource Management, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences; Editor-in-Chief, <i>Library and Information Service</i></p> <p>Chuanjun Suo Professor, School of Information Resource Management, Renmin University of China</p> <p>Shushi Wu Executive Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Library Science in China</i></p> <p>Keith Webster Dean, University Libraries, Carnegie Mellon University (Recording)</p> <p>David Lankes Professor, School of Information, University of Texas at Austin (Recording)</p>		Room B101 Department of Information Management

<p>11:45-12:00</p> <p>Host: Guobin Huang</p> <p>Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Information Management, Peking University</p>	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Conference Summary</p> <p>Announcement of the 2027 Forum Host Library</p>	
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2.3 National Doctoral Symposium on Library Science

Detailed Schedule for Parallel Sessions (all at the Department of Information Management)	
Location	Sessions
May 16 15:30-17:30	
Room 507	<p>Parallel Session (1) Masterclass for Ph.D. students</p> <p>Positive or Negative: The Impact of AI on the Development of Global Librarianship and the Future Trends</p>
	<p>Moderator: Wenqi Li Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Information Management, Peking University</p>
	<p>Commentator</p> <p>Leslie Weir President, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA); Librarian and Archivist of Canada</p> <p>Winnie Wong President, Evergreen Education Foundation</p> <p>Rolf Hapel Independent library advisor and affiliate instructor at iSchool, University of Washington, Seattle</p> <p>Michael Peter Edson Director, Strategist in Cultural Institutions</p>
	<p>Presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on the Cultivation System of University Students' Core Competencies Empowered by University Libraries in the Digital Intelligence Era Zhihui Dong, School of Management, Hebei University 2. The Lives of the Infamous: Information Practices as a Survival Strategy for People with HIV Zhiyuan Lai, Department of Information Management, Peking University 3. Reconstructing Librarian Professional Identity under the Impact of Artificial Intelligence: Psychological Adaptation and Organizational Support Ganqiu Wei, School of Information Management, Nanjing University 4. Research on the Evaluation of Library Artificial Intelligence Development Ruohang Wu, College of Information Management, Nanjing Agricultural University 5. Less is More? Testing the Capabilities of Large Language Models (LLMs) for Descriptive Cataloging Fan Jin, Department of Information Management, Peking University

	6. How Does Chinese Academic Publishing Narrate AIGC Policies? A Critical Discourse Analysis Based on 162 Policy Statements Runzheng Zhen , School of Information Management, Nanjing University
Room 414	Parallel session (2) Fundamental Theories in Library Science (in Chinese)
Room 420	Parallel session (3) Digital Humanities (in Chinese)
Room 403	Parallel session (4) Public Cultural Service (in Chinese)
May 17 8:30-10:30	
Room 507	Parallel session (5) Reading Promotion and Building a Book-loving Society (in Chinese)
Room 414	Parallel session (6) Library Service (in Chinese)
Room 420	Parallel session (7) User Studies (in Chinese)
Room 403	Parallel session (8) Empowering Library with AI (in Chinese)
Room B101	Parallel session (9) Library and cultural inheritance (in Chinese)

3. Organization

General Chair

Jiuzhen Zhang Dean and Professor, Department of Information Management,
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Zizhou Wang Professor, Department of Information Management, Peking
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Guobin Huang Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Information
Management, Peking University

Organizing Committee Chair

Xingkun Liang Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Information
Management, Peking University

Volunteer Committee Chair

Pianran Wang Assistant Professor, Department of Information Management,
Peking University

4. Campus Access Guide & Maps

Campus Access Guide

Reservation in advance is required to enter Peking University. We have reserved campus access for you based on the scheduled on-campus events (from 15th to 17th May). Please note that the reservation is one-off. Once you leave the campus, additional reservation is needed for re-entry.

Please be sure to carry our ID card or passport when entering the campus. It is recommended to enter through the East Side Gate of Peking University (next to Exit A of Peking University East Gate Subway Station on Metro Line 4).

Conference Venues

Venue 1: Lecture Hall, North Annex of Peking University Library

Address: North Annex, Peking University Library

Venue 2: Department of Information Management, Peking University

Address: Fanglibangqin Building, Peking University (near the south gate of Peking University; the second building on the east side)

WeChat Group for all attendees



Map of Conference Venues

